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Applicant: Tushar Patel et al.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 24, 2006.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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